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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 25435

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, GE, FR

SUBJECT: GDR FONMIN FISCHER CALLS IN PARIS

1. SUMMARY: GDR FONMIN FISCHER UNEXPECTEDLY CALLED ON SAUVAGNARGUES OCTOBER 1 AND SUCCEEDED IN GETTING INVITATION TO PARIS LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY IN THE NEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. PLAISANT, QUAI DIRECTOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, ARRIVED LATE OCTOBER 1 COURTESY CALL BY BRANDON GROVE, DCM EMBASSY BERLIN, BECAUSE OF EVIDENTLY QUITE UNEXPECTED
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CALL ON SAUVAGNARGUES BY GDR FONMIN FISCHER.

3. PLAISANT SAID FISCHER HAD REQUESTED APPOINTMENT AT LAST MINUTE WHILE PASSING THROUGH PARIS ON RETURN TRIP FROM UN VIA PERU. PURPOSE OF FISCHER'S CALL, WHICH LASTED HARDLY 30 MINUTES, EVIDENTLY WAS TO PRESS SAUVAGNARGUES TO AGREE TO EXCHANGE OF OFFICIAL FONMIN LEVEL VISITS BETWEEN GDR AND FRANCE. SAUVAGNARGUES MADE IT CLEAR THAT TIME WAS NOT YET RIPE FOR SENIOR FRENCH VISIT PANKOW. SAUVAGNARGUES DID, HOWEVER, AGREE TO FISCHER VISIT TO PARIS EITHER IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR OR EARLY IN THE NEXT. PLAISANT SAID NO OTHER MATTERS CAME UP AND IMPLIED TO US THAT ATMOSPHERE WAS RATHER BUSINESS-LIKE.

4. GROVE ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY GIVE PLAISANT PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS LAST BERLIN ROUND OF US-GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS AND REITERATED U.S. INTENTION STAND FIRM ON NATIONALITY ISSUE. PLAISANT THOROUGHLY AGREED. FRENCH HAD NO INTENTION CHANGING THEIR POSITION THIS POINT IN NEXT ROUND THEIR OWN TALKS WHICH MAY START MID-OCTOBER. PLAISANT ADDED THAT QUAI WAS BEGINNING TO GET SLIGHT IMPRESSION THAT GDR MAY IN FACT RETREAT FROM ITS NATIONALITY DEMANDS EVENTUALLY. GENERAL CONCLUSION WAS THAT THIS WAS ALL THE MORE REASON WHY U.S., FRANCE AND OTHERS NEGOTIATING CONSULAR AGREEMENTS WITH GDR SHOULD STAND THEIR GROUND IN THIS REGARD.
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